From 2001/02 to 2004/05, U.S. GMAT test-takers declined 12% nationally, with a 20% decline in Illinois. The largest decline over this three year period was from 2001/02 to 2002/03, with a slower decline from 2002/03 to 2003/04, both nationally and for Illinois test takers.

In Illinois, the number of men testers is down by 18% while the number of women testers is down by 24% from 2001/02 to 2004/05. As a result, women accounted for 38% of the testers in 2004/05, compared to 40% in 2001/02.

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**Trends for Illinois GMAT Test Takers by Gender**

**Illinois test takers patterns for men and women: 1997/98 – 2004/05**

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